



COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
BRIDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY & ZOOM

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Commissioners of Bridgeville was held on August 8, 2022, at 7:00 PM, at the Bridgeville Public Library and via Zoom.

The following were present:

Tom Carey	President
Bruce Smith	President Pro Tempore
Marlene Saunders	Secretary
John Tomeski	Commissioner
Tom Moran	Commissioner
Bethany DeBussy	Town Manager
Burke Parker	Chief of Police
Melissa Cassimore	Financial Manager
Brandon Slater	Water Dept. Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Carey.

QUORUM PRESENT:

President Carey reported that a quorum was present to conduct Town business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Moran to approve the agenda. Motion carried: 5 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes will be available at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Town Manager DeBussy presented an invitation to the Heritage Shores Military Club concert on September 16th at 7 pm at the Middle School.

FINANCIALS STATEMENTS:

Financial Statements will be available at the next meeting.

TOWN REPORTS:

Town Department reports were reviewed and discussed by the Commissioners, Town Manager DeBussy, and Chief Parker.

CITIZENS PRIVILEGE:

Mark-32 Amanda Teal-Requested an update on new park construction. Town Manager DeBussy stated funding was received from the bond bill to make the necessary repairs in the area for park construction to begin. Mr. Mark also noted the Heritage Shores Military Club would like to integrate a POW memorial near the new park.

Marian Smack- 21 Gum Street-Ms. Smack asked what would be done about the tractor-trailer parked on Church Street. Chief Parker stated that the owner of the tractor-trailer has been contacted and given a timeline to remove the trailer from the street.

510 North Cannon Street-The resident was concerned about loose dogs in the area. He also reported that there were several streetlights cycling. He also had concerns about water laying in the roadway during rainfall.

Several residents asked what the procedure was for dogs at large. Chief Parker stated the PD could not trap animals at large; Animal Control would need to be contacted. However, the first call should be to the PD. There was a question about using a BB gun to deter the animals. However, the Chief recommended that residents should not assume that liability.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Water Rate Ordinance

Town Manager DeBussy reviewed the proposed ordinance and the reasoning behind the increase in the rate. Town Manager DeBussy answered several residents' questions. Water Department Superintendent Brandon Slater and DRWA representative Thomas Matich were also present.

-The loss of the wastewater system affected the overall Town budget; without a change in current rates for the water department, the Town may not be able to continue to support the department.

-The rate will double for each meter; primary will be \$15, and secondary will be \$10. There are 1354 primary meters and 735 secondary meters included in the study; the secondary connections to the system will continue at a discounted rate.

-Removing secondary meters is an option. However, it comes with complications and costs to the property owners to redo the plumbing.

-During the rate study, it was determined the current rates were significantly lower than comparable towns.

Documentation from the rate study will remain on the website and available for public review.

Commissioners commented that while the increase is drastic, it is needed for future development.

Commissioner Saunders expressed concern for residents on fixed and lower incomes.

A motion was made to adopt the ordinance by Commissioner Smith; 2nd- Commissioner Tomeski; motion carried. 4 Yes Votes, 1 No Vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing Regarding Conditional Use Application- 18541 South Main Street

Town Manager DeBussy presented an application for a conditional use for a mini storage at 18541 South Main Street (former Jimmy's Grille Property). The application was for a two-phase development for mini storage and potential future retail space or restaurant. Planning and Zoning recommend the application be denied due to language and current criteria for allowing a conditional use.

Mike Harrigan-20 Amanda Teal Drive- Commented that the storage units might become an eyesore for the town.

Al Frick-86 Emily's Pintail- Supports the above comment.

Sue Janes-46 Snowy Egret- Ms. Janes would love to see a restaurant in the area.

A motion was made to deny the conditional use application by Commissioner Smith; 2nd – Moran; motion carried. 5 Yes votes, 0 No Votes.

NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Budget

Town Manager DeBussy presented the list previously reviewed in a workshop with the removal of grant-funded items.

A motion was made to adopt the FY23 Capital Improvement Budget by Commissioner Smith; 2nd – Tomeski; motion carried. 5 Yes votes, 0 No Votes.

NEW BUSINESS

EDC Member Appointment

A motion was made to appoint Ralph Root and Suzanne Farris to the EDC.

A motion was made to appoint the above two members to the EDC by Commissioner Smith; 2nd – Moran; motion carried. 5 Yes votes, 0 No Votes.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant-In-Aid/Donations

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Misc.

There was nothing discussed.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION/ORDINANCES:

There were none.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

There was nothing discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move to executive session at 8:10 PM by Commissioner Smith;
2nd – Moran; motion carried.

5 Yes votes, 0 No Votes.

Executive Session was entered at 8:45 PM.

Executive Session adjourned at 9:37 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 9:38 PM by Commissioner Smith; 2nd – Moran;
motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Saunders, Commission Secretary

Shelley Lambden, Transcriptionist